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Remarks

The Office has rejected claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not being directed to statutory subject matter. In furtherance of prosecution, these claims have been cancelled without prejudice and the applicant reserves the right to reinstate these claims at a later date or through a continued prosecution application.

The Office has rejected claims 8-71 under 35 U.S.C. 102 based on US Patent No. 6,430,605 (the '605 patent) and claims 1-71 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the '605 patent in view of eBay.com, Inc and further in view of the Official Notice. Claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice. The petition, if granted, will result in the removal of the '605 patent reference as valid prior art because the present application is a continuation in part of the cited reference. Thus, the applicant respectfully requests the Office to remove these grounds for rejection.

Appointment of Power of Attorney

A copy of a Power of Attorney is attached. Enclosed with this response is also a request for address change for all future correspondence.

Conclusion

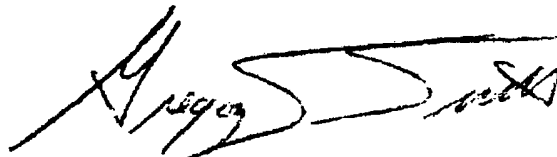
Applicant respectfully submits that upon acceptance of the applicant's petition to treat this application as a continuation in part, all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the case be processed to issuance in accordance with Patent Office Business.

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